

CHOOSE A NOVEL



I have a limited number of copies of all of these books for you to check out; however, if supply does not match demand, you may have to find your own copy. Please choose carefully— there are a few books not currently approved for full classroom use by the district novels committee and a few that contain strong language. **You are responsible to select a novel that fits your interests, needs, and values.**

<p><u>For Whom the Bell Tolls</u> 1940</p> <p>Nominated for Pulitzer Prize, Nobel Prize for Literature (for his body of work) in 1954 <i>Follows Robert Jordan, an American volunteer bomb expert with the International Brigade fighting with Anti-Fascist guerillas in the mountains during the Spanish Civil War</i></p>	<p>Ernest Hemingway Hemingway, a Nobel Laureate, served in World War I in Italy as an ambulance driver; he later wrote as a war correspondent during the Spanish Civil War and WWII.</p>	<p>On the GSD Approved Novels List; contains some mild sensuality and language (censored)</p>
<p><u>Catch-22</u> 1961</p> <p>#7 on MLA's 100 Best Novels of the 20th Century <i>A satirical look at war from a US Air Force Bombardier's perspective. It inspired the M*A*S*H* movie (and the later TV series). It takes place on a fictional Italian island during the latter stages of WWII (1943 on).</i></p>	<p>Joseph Heller Heller was in the Air Force in WWI.</p>	<p>Under consideration but not currently approved. Contains occasional profanity and sexual references (none too explicit, but usually irreverent).</p>
<p><u>The Killer Angels</u> 1974</p> <p>Pulitzer Prize, 1975 <i>A historical retelling of the four-day battle of Gettysburg from several perspectives on both sides of the US Civil War.</i></p>	<p>Michael Shaara Shaara was a modern writer and historian who, with his son Jeff, is considered an historical authority on the US Civil War. He also served as an Airborne Infantry Officer in the Korean War.</p>	<p>On the GSD list. Contains occasional mild profanity.</p>
<p><u>Slaughterhouse-Five</u> 1969</p> <p>#69 on the ALA's list of the Top 100 Most Frequently Banned Books <i>Combines elements of science fiction with WWII— "time travel" to the main character's experiences as a POW in Dresden during the Allies' controversial fire-bombing.</i></p>	<p>Kurt Vonnegut Vonnegut was an American soldier in WWII and was himself, a POW in Dresden during the Allies' fire-bombing.</p>	<p>Not on GSD list. Occasional profanity, some quite strong; some sexual content; irreverent humor and language.</p>
<p><u>Going After Cacciato</u> 1978</p> <p>National Book Award, 1979 <i>A psychological novel that follows the mind of Paul Berlin, an Army grunt on watch one night during the Vietnam War, as he tries to reconcile with his own fear and the trauma he has experienced.</i></p>	<p>Tim O'Brien O'Brien after being drafted, served a tour of duty in the US Army during Vietnam.</p>	<p>On the GSD list, but only for honors/AP courses. Strong language throughout.</p>

